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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
SUBJECT: Status of the Joint Net Assessment

1. We plan to issue the Executive Summary, Volume I of the Joint Net Assessment in advance of the Main Report, Volume II, which will take longer to finalize. The status of the project is summarized below.

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2. Executive Summary, Volume I -- consists of three chapters and an annex

--September 15 draft is now being reviewed by key DoD and CIA officials. Within CIA, by Chm/NIC, VChm/NIC, D/SOVA, D/OSWR, and the SRP. Within DoD, by selected individuals in OSD, JCS and the Military Services. Results of this review should be in hand by the middle of the week, within CIA; uncertain of DoD date. Cannot yet predict the reactions we will get.

--After this review, and suitable modifications, the draft will go to the SecDef and DCI for final approval. When the draft will be ready for final approval will depend on potential problems as the result of the review.

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3. Main Report, Volume II -- consists of three lengthy chapters, each of which have summaries

--Comparison of Strategic Forces. Comments from the working level review done in August are not yet incorporated in the main text, but have been accommodated in the chapter summary.

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--Soviet Approach to the Balance. An earlier draft was coordinated within the Intelligence Community. The final draft is almost finished. The summary of the chapter needs only minor revisions.

--US Approach to the Balance. Most comments from the working level review done in August are incorporated in the main text. The final draft is nearly complete. The chapter summary needs revision to correspond to the text of the Executive Summary.

--Graphics. Progress on the graphics is lagging the main text. They are being done by a small OSD and CIA working group.

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